

Application No.: 10/665,532

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ELECTION

The Examiner has given the following Election of Species Requirement:

Species A, Fig. 3;

Species B, Fig. 4; and

Species C, "roughened area in the rope groove" of claim 11.

In response to this election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect Species A of Fig. 3. This election is with traverse. Independent claims 1 and 6 should be generic. At least claims 1-6, 8-10 and 12 should read on the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all species in the single application. Moreover, because at least generic claims 1 and 6 should be in condition for allowance, this Election of Species Requirement should also be overcome and withdrawn.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are now present in this application.

Claims 1-11 have been amended, and claim 12 has been presented. These amendments were made in response to a statutory requirement, but have simply been made in order to place the claims in better U.S. format. Favorable consideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement was submitted in the above-identified application on September 22, 2003. Notification of receipt of this Information Disclosure Statement, as

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well as consideration of the documents cited therein by the Examiner, are respectfully requested.

A certified copy of the Finnish priority document was submitted in the above-identified application on October 24, 2003. Notification of receipt of the certified copy and the claim for foreign priority are respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

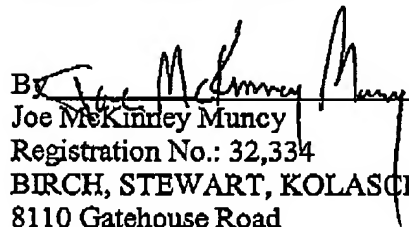
In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$1,020.00 is attached herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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